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## Where did winter go?



Matt Kasper/WINONAN

Winona's high winter temperatures have allowed students and community members to get outside and enjoy the crisp, January air, usually frigid with snow and ice. According to the Winona Daily News, it has been Minnesota's warmest January since 1944. Last January, Winona received 12 inches of snow compared to the 0.1 inch received so far this month. Temperatures will continue to hover in the high 30s to low 40s for the rest of the week, with a chance of rain/snow showers on Saturday and Sunday. See page 14 for Jamie Blair's relationship advice on snowless dating activities.

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# Tuition increases 9 percent for 2006

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The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees approved a 9 percent increase in tuition for Winona State University in the 2006-2007 academic year, said a MnSCU press release on Thursday.

This increase will bring the cost from \$4,940 to \$5,386 per year, an increase of \$446.

Winona State's increase is above both the 7.2 percent system-wide average and the 8.4 percent state university average.

According to the press release, Board Chairperson Robert Hoffman said, "This is a modest increase, given some recent years of double-digit increases."

Tuition at Winona State increased 15 percent in both the 2003-2004

and 2004-2005 school years. The 2005-2006 increase was 7 percent.

Each institution in the MnSCU system proposes a rate of increase to the Board of Trustees, which is subject to approval by the board.

WSU's proposal met with some debate between the student senate and school administration, according to Ryan Flynn, student senate president.

Administration originally wanted a 9.5 percent increase, while the senate wanted an 8 percent increase, said Flynn.

Much of the 1.5 percent the senate wanted to cut from the proposal was for "innovative funding," or the L21 initiative, formerly called the New University, said Flynn.

Administration was asking for

\$370,000 for the initiative, but after negotiations with the student senate, the number was cut from \$270,000 to \$100,000.

Although the administration did not yield completely to the senate's request, they reduced their proposal by 0.5 percent because the senate was so willing to compromise, said Flynn.

"It's unfortunate and I'm disappointed because the rising costs are hard on students," said Flynn of the increase.

Aside from simply cutting funding from the L21 initiative, WSU comptroller Scott Ellinghuysen said some "general belt tightening" will be necessary to compensate for the 0.5 percent the administration cut from their proposal.

Ellinghuysen said tuition increases are necessary because state funding increases cannot keep up with inflation.

He said the university received an \$11,588 increase this year, which is only enough for approximately half a year's supply of toilet paper or to pay one student's tuition and fees.

The nearly \$3.5 million dollars the increase will raise will go toward paying inflationary costs such as faculty and staff pay raises and the rising costs of energy and materials.

Ellinghuysen said if the state allocated funds for inflationary increases, next year's increase would only be about 5 percent.

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# Chartwells optimistic about recent renovations

Kate Weber  
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The recent renovations of Winona State University's Smaug eatery have received positive feedback throughout the first semester since opening in fall 2005, according to Chartwells Director of Dining Services Bruce Bechtle.

"The pizza has been well-received," Bechtle said. "Moving away from Pizza Hut to our own variety allowed us to avoid franchise fees and offer more choices without impacting the costs to students."

Renovations took place over the summer and were completed on schedule, allowing the Smaug to open in time for the beginning of fall semester.

"Our goal was to be open by fall and with any type of construction; there are always delays, but the target was met," Bechtle said.

While preparing for the ren-

ovations, Bechtle said, Chartwells listened to many student requests as well as advice from companies throughout the country based on concepts that were successful in other college communities.

"We met weekly with a food committee, Inter-Residence Hall Council and received comments from students in the residential halls," Bechtle said.

Along with the removal of franchises such as Pizza Hut and Blimpies, each genre of food received its own section during the renovation, including Tuscan Oven, Fresh Grille, Rio Frontera Express, and Sub Generation.

"The hot sandwiches at Sub Generation are a big hit," Bechtle said. "Students had requested a 'Quizno's' style of restaurant with toasted subs,

and we tried to accommodate those needs."

Although new varieties of food are now offered on the Smaug's menu, the old favorites continue to be well-liked by students.

"The wraps are a very popular item," Bechtle said. "It's hard to separate people from the grill, so we are actually looking into ways to segment that area to help the speed of service."

Student workers noticed improvements in the layout of the Smaug.

"It doesn't seem like there's as much congestion—there's better flow," Chartwells' Sub Generation worker Britt Hokanson said.

Some students had mixed feelings about the renovation.

"The changes don't

bother me too much," senior Corey Christopherson said. "I think the food's a little better, and that's all that matters to me."

"I think the food's about the same—it's just in different areas," junior Dani Lobello said. "Everything gets old after you eat it for half of a semester, regardless of any changes they make."

Even with renovations completed just six months ago, Chartwells is looking into additional changes to improve dining services at Winona State, as well as sign a new contract guaranteeing future business with the university.

"This is a bid year, and there are lots of plans for big changes to come," Bechtle said. "A

lot of different products have been discussed—the sky is the limit. We are hoping to stick around and accomplish some of these changes."

In order to accomplish the plans, Bechtle stressed the importance of student feedback and comments about both the positive and the negative aspects of food on campus.

"We are here for the students, and we want to make stuff happen for them," Bechtle said. "We welcome lots of feedback—it's what makes us successful."

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# WSU coaches recover after car accident

**Ronnie Langel**  
**WINONAN**

Winona State University volleyball coach Connie Mettill and football coach Tom Sawyer are recuperating in their homes following injuries sustained in a two-car accident, which took place on Dec. 28.

Mettill was hospitalized with head trauma following the accident, and went home after spending more than three weeks at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in LaCrosse, Wis.

Doctors were unable to explain the nature of Mettill's injury, only that she suffered head trauma, said Winona State athletic director Larry Holstad.

Even though Mettill is at home, she still has problems with balance and short-term memory, Holstad said.

"She's taken some pretty good strides in the last few days," said Holstad.

Sawyer's injuries included fractured ribs and lacerations to the spleen and lungs. He was released from the hospital on Jan. 2.

Holstad said Sawyer should make a full recovery within three to five weeks.

Sawyer is able to come to the university for about an hour a day to work on recruiting and other team matters.

Sawyer was enrolled to teach techniques of coach-

ing baseball and softball along with teaching middle and secondary physical education. The class is being taught by another professor until Sawyer is able to come back full time.

Currently, the volleyball team is training for next season.

Assistant coaches, Deb Sazama and Jami Zilles are working with the team until Mettill recovers.

"Our number one priority is getting our coaches healthy," Holstad said. "We're just thankful no one was hurt worse than they were."

The accident happened at Mark and Franklin Streets at 12:30 a.m. on Dec. 28 when 18-year-old Katie Appelwick ran a stop sign and hit the driver's side of Sawyer's 2004 Chevy Impala. Appelwick was talking on her cell phone, and reportedly never hit the breaks until she hit Sawyer's car, said a witness driving behind Appelwick's 2004 Toyota 4Runner.

Appelwick's blood alcohol level was .12, which is 50 percent higher than the legal limit. She was charged with underage drinking and lost her driver's license.

The Cotter High School senior will have a hearing



**Doug Sundin/WINONAN**

Coach Tom Sawyer shown here conversing with a referee at a fall football game was one of two people injured in a car accident on Dec. 28.

on March 9 to determine what charges may incur, said Richmond McCluer, Appelwick's attorney.

Appelwick was not harmed in the accident.

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# Open senate president seat up for grabs

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Student Senate President Ryan Flynn said he will not run for re-election next year.

Flynn, a junior international relations major, said he would like to focus on academics in his remaining time at Winona State.

He has been a member of student government since his first year at college. He served as the chair of the student services committee his freshmen and sophomore years.

He said his grades have not suffered because of his involvement with the senate, but he was forced to reduce the number of credits he took each semester. This semester, he is taking 13 credits.

As a result of the intensive work-



Flynn

load for the senate, he will need to attend Winona State for an extra semester.

Flynn said the stress inherent in his job was not the factor motivating his decision not to run again.

"I really enjoy doing it," Flynn said, but he admits that the job adds more stress to his duties as a student. He said he has missed classes for meetings and conferences.

Flynn said he won't be involved in student senate in any official capacity next year, but he began a few projects this year that he would like to follow through on.

He proposed a "book rental" program. Students will rent books for the semester and return them to the book-

store at the end of the semester. He said if this program is implemented, students will pay 40-50 percent less than they currently pay for textbooks.

There is still a whole semester worth of work to do, said Flynn.

"I'm still going to be around for a while," he said.

Some possible candidates for the next student senate president are At-Large senator DJ Danielson, business senator Rick Howden III and Ezra Kazee, a junior political science major.

Students can apply starting Tuesday, Jan. 31 through Tuesday, Feb. 14.

The elections will be held online starting at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 21 through noon on Friday, Feb. 24.

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## GLBTA hosts public training seminar

A community training and information seminar about stopping the amendment to ban marriages and civil unions for same-sex couples will be held on 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at the Maxwell Leadership Conference Center.

The interactive training is designed to build a community-wide response to an anti-marriage amendment by helping participants learn how to develop skills to talk with friends, neighbors and co-workers about the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender—Ally (GLBTA).

The event is free and is open to the public. Winona State University's GLBTA, the LGBT Resource Center for the 7 Rivers Region and TogetherMinnesota!

To register online visit [www.togetherminnesota.org](http://www.togetherminnesota.org) or call 1-800-800-0350 extension 103 or 113.

## Assessment Day scheduled for Feb. 15


The Winona State's Assessment Day will be held Wednesday, February 15. All classes that meet before 4 p.m. on Wednesdays will be cancelled. The Assessment Day Web site will be available for students to log in and complete a 20-minute survey pertaining to their perceptions, experiences and activities at Winona State.

9:30a.m.-10:30a.m. First year student focus groups will meet in their orientation class sections to talk about university issues.

10:30a.m.-12:00p.m. General education exams will be held in Minne Hall for students accumulating between 45 and 70 credits to take the ACT Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency Exam.

12:30p.m.-4:00p.m. Departmental assessment activities will be held throughout campus.


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# Pawlenty backs \$11.1 million for Maxwell rehaul



**Danielle Schulz  
WINONAN**

Governor Tim Pawlenty announced the recommendation of \$11.1 million in funding for the remodeling of Maxwell Hall and smaller renovations around Winona State University.

"The renovation project will provide multi-purpose, technology-rich classrooms and academic support services," Pawlenty said. "When completed, this facility will serve as a model for how to deliver comprehensive services to students in true 'one-stop shopping' fashion."

According to Pawlenty, the construction could begin as early as the summer of 2006 if approved by the legislature.

"This project serves as a model in enhancing our higher education facilities," Pawlenty said. "I hope the legislature agrees that updating and modernizing Maxwell Hall is a must."

Pawlenty said that this project will help accommodate the increase in student enrollment.

"The world is changing in ways that we have never seen before," Pawlenty said.

"WSU has a history of setting a marker out and has become a beaker among the community and the

state."

President Judith Ramaley said she was overjoyed with the news.

"This funding is very crucial for the whole university," she said.

Ryan Flynn, student senate president, agrees with President Ramaley in the importance of the funding, but disagrees with the way the money will be spent.

"I would have liked to have seen the governor support WSU in the past," Flynn said referring to Winona State's fight against tuition increases.

The \$11.1 million allocation is part of the \$765 million bonding bill used to fund bills requested of the state.

The smaller renovations include Somsen, Phelps, Gildmeister and Watkins Halls.

Maxwell Hall is the home of the National Child Protection Training Center. The training center will include an actual model home that will be used to train law enforcement officials on detecting child abuse and detecting the presence of methamphetamine labs.

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**Chris Warrington/Special to the WINONAN**  
Governor Tim Pawlenty chats with students after giving his recommendation of \$11.1 million in funding for the remodeling of Maxwell Hall and other renovations around the Winona State campus.

## No dialing and driving for teens in MN

As of Jan. 1, it is now illegal for drivers with a learner's permit or a provisional license to use cell phones while driving.

In Minnesota, roughly 400,000 drivers new to the road or under 18 years-old will need to abide by the new regulation. This law passed by the Minnesota Legislature in July 2005 is expected to have a great impact on teen drivers.

Cell phone use is one of the biggest distractions for motorists, according to a Winona County Community Health press release. In 2003, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration cited cell phone use as a factor in 2,600 traffic deaths nationwide. In Minnesota, 293 sixteen to

eighteen year-olds were killed on the roadways from 2000 to 2004. Across the state it is estimated at least 14,000 motorists are on the phone and behind the wheel at any given time.

Infringement of this law is categorized as a moving violation and the penalties include delays in obtaining a non-provisional license and a potential fine of up to \$100 plus court costs. In Minnesota, permit holders under 18 must maintain a driving record free of any moving violations for six months to be eligible for provisional driving privileges. At age 18, drivers can secure their non-provisional license.

Winona County Safe Communities Project advises that although

this law applies to mostly to teen drivers, all motorists should make efforts to curb cell phone use and other driving distractions.

"Driving requires multi-tasking, so all other distractions need to be limited," Dave Brand, the Winona County Sheriff, said. "You may be an experienced driver, but that doesn't make it safe to drive distracted, turn off the phone, put your hands on the wheel and your mind on the road."

Eleven states and the District of Columbia restrict cell phone use among novice drivers, and some states and municipalities ban handheld cell phone use for all drivers.

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## Winona State to host sex, faith and politics conference

Winona State University will be hosting a three day Philip N. Knutson conference called "Reclaiming Moral Values: Sexuality, Faith and Politics" starting Friday, Mar. 3 at the Tau Conference Center.

The event will critically assess cultural and faith based assumptions. Participants will learn how to reframe issues of morality and sexuality toward social justice and locate various tools and resources needed to work toward equality based change.

The conference features keynote speaker Rev. Malcolm Himschoot, a minister for Outreach at Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis.

Himschoot is a 28-year old Euro-American transgender man who preaches, teaches and gives presentations to all age groups throughout the country. He is the subject of the documentary called "Call Me Malcolm," which will be shown during the conference.

The registration is \$60 for students and that includes meals, workshops and the keynote presentation for three days. If students wish to attend the workshops only on Saturday, the cost is \$20.

Registration is due on Friday, Feb. 17 and there are only 200 tickets available. More information can be found at [www.lccwinona.org](http://www.lccwinona.org) or by calling the Lutheran Campus Center at 507-452-8316.

## Security Incidents

Jan. 6

5:20 p.m. — A fire alarm was activated in Lourdes Hall. A student was cooking and the smoke set off the alarm. The Winona Fire Department responded.

Jan. 12

12:30 p.m. — A student reported that his jacket was taken from a coat rack outside of the John Kane Cafeteria.

4:45 p.m. — An unconscious student was found in the Lourdes kitchen. EMS and security responded. The student regained consciousness and was transported to the hospital by a private party.

9:30 p.m. — Security responded to a report of someone smoking marijuana in Lourdes Hall. The room was located and the students were cited. The matter was referred to the hall director.

Jan. 14

2:14 p.m. — A resident assistant from the Quad reported that two residents became involved in an altercation regarding money. The matter was referred to the hall director.

9:30 p.m. — Security cited several students for using and possessing soft air pistols at the Tau Center. The matter was referred to the hall director.

Jan. 15

11:30 p.m. — A student was cited for possessing alcohol in the North Sheehan parking lot. The matter was referred to the conduct officer.

8:00 p.m. — Residence life requested an assistance from security with a noise and possible drug violation near Prentiss-Lucas. The matter was referred to the conduct office.

Jan. 16

11:35 p.m. — A student was cited for a drug violation in Prentiss-Lucas. The matter was referred to the hall director.

12:22 a.m. — A student slipped on the sidewalk outside of Prentiss-Lucas. EMS and security responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 17

2:00 p.m. — A student reported that the mirror on her vehicle was damaged while parked in the South Sheehan parking lot sometime between 11 p.m. the previous night and 8 a.m. that day.

Jan. 18

2:05 p.m. — Security and EMS responded to an incident with an intoxicated student. The student was not transported and the matter was referred to the hall director.

Jan. 20

9:50 p.m. — Several students were cited for an alcohol violation in Prentiss-Lucas. The matter was referred to the hall director.

11:12 p.m. — A student was found unconscious in a Morey bathroom intoxicated. Security and EMS responded. The matter was referred to EMS and the hall director.

Jan. 21

3:05 a.m. — A student was cited for attempting to bring alcohol into Prentiss-Lucas. The matter was referred to the hall director.



# College-age New Year's resolutions

Op/Ed



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As I type this now, sitting in an unnamed East Lake apartment with multiple unnamed friends, no less than seven faces are staring blankly back at me as I ask "Hey, what New Year's resolutions did you guys make?" Okay, well, one of the seven is unconscious, so he has an excuse for staring blankly.

After a lengthy hesitation which indicates that some of the resolutions are being made up on the spot, I hear things like, "I want to lose X pounds this year," and "I want to be nicer to John/Jane Doe." The snort and "Well, you've already broken that one!" and muted hysteria on the behalf of the rest of us as the scene fell apart into "What are you doing? No, I only poured your water on you, please don't mash that ba-

nana on my face... if you even think about doing that I will do something so mean to you..." "I'm only eating my banana, I wouldn't..." "Yes you would! Get away, you're making a mess! No!"

I love these friends dearly, they're all beautiful human beings, but clearly none of us are particularly talented in the "Keeping of the New Year's Resolution." The water was poured, and the banana was indeed mashed into a face... and a carpet... and a futon... and a pillow... and multiple articles of clothing. More water was poured, a wheelchair was tipped dangerously despite much pleading and chaos exploded in the apartment filled with seven people. It's surprising how much chaos five tired

people, one wheelchair-bound person and an unconscious person can make in such a confined space.

There's a brief respite as exhaustion once again takes precedence and people consider a nap party. That doesn't last long, and again there are loud denunciations of past atrocities which justify the atrocities about to be committed. Loud battle cries like "Remember the time you kicked over the laundry I had just folded... and stuff!" fly furiously back and forth.

I don't know if my two friends will ever stop squabbling. I'd say that it's a sign of affection, but I'd probably be wrong—as a pillow flies by my head. No, New Year's resolutions aren't high on anyone's

priority list right now. If you can't get an article about New Year's resolutions out of them, might as well sit on the sidelines and cheer on the chaos.

Here it goes again. "Hey, do you guys think we can wash banana off a silk pillow?" No, I doubt these two could ever sit peacefully next to each other for more than thirty seconds and even then only if they were both drugged. But, one thing's for sure, they're my friends and I care about them. With my banana-filled memories of this New Year, I assure you these old acquaintances will never be forgotten, and will always be brought to mind.

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## The problem with having an opinion



**Kai Oehler**  
Op/Ed Columnist

You've got a point, readers. If you know me only by my columns, you wouldn't want to meet the prude writing them.

But man, what a job it is to write these five-hundred-word nuggets of golden insight.

The problem is, you have to have an opinion, some stance to defend. A column of mine wouldn't be a column if I didn't say drinkers need to stop drinking, residents respect students, students respect residents, vote for this, and do this or that.

Then how can my everyday opinions be so gray?

It's because out of my writing hole, looking a person in

the eye, I can't callously say, "you're outta whack bro, you need to change!"

Plus, it's not that simple. People who are hung-over, or have woken up jaded know how much of an idiot they were the night before.

And I can't say, "stay behind the red (or blue) party line," because I know better. Democrats and Republicans are both as frightened of honesty as an elephant is of seeing a mouse. They are "donkey holes" in their own separate and special ways.

I don't need to tell you how to exist. My life isn't as well lived as it could be and excuses are as vital as air to me.

Somehow, somewhere, the real message gets lost between the lines.

Last semester, my race relations class was a rude awakening to this, as it reduced the complex issue of race to a white-equals-bad argument. There was a right way, which was believing that Hispanics, Eskimos, blacks, Native Americans—any minority—were

denied many social privileges by whites.

What do I think?

I think: damn straight, the white guy's not sharing his G's. I think, referring to class material, why is rude behavior excused for minorities if it's "righteous anger"? I think: why have these "opinions" been forced on the class, when it might be natural to feel displaced in a culture that isn't your own, when "racism" isn't really racism most of the time, but prejudice (which has more to do with education)?

Both you and I need to see the person behind the opinion. Not because my five hundred words aren't well argued enough, but because you'll understand how that belief was shaped into a speech, conversation, or column.

I can be criticized, hollered at and written to in complaint. I have no problem with that and congratulating my suckage by getting issues right is often priceless.

But what I notice from others are unreasonable and condemn-

ing opinions said to flatten the competition, or mistaken statements roaming free because they assume the person behind the opposing point of view is inconsequential, invisible and doesn't matter.

Remember, an opinion is someone trying to validate, justify or explain what they feel is their place in the world.

People simply want others to agree to be more like them—the same goes for me.

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# 'Just Say No' to a New Year's resolution



**Laura Greene**  
Copy Editor

While sitting with my roommate a few days after the dawning of 2006, I asked her if she had made any resolutions. Her reply was an emphatic, "Heck no! If I want to change something about myself why should I wait for the New Year to do it? I'll change when I need to, not just because of a new year!"

I would have to agree with

her there. Does anyone actually keep their New Year's resolution for more than two weeks? (I mean, of course, excluding that really annoying overachiever who lives next door because none of us really like him anyway.) Sadly, I can't think of anyone I know who kept his/her resolution and made it worthwhile.

Thus, my roommate and I came to the fortuitous conclusion that our New Year's resolution was to not have a New Year's resolution. I must say, this year has been pretty relaxing so far.

So relaxing, in fact, that I have had the time and energy to think up a list of five common resolutions and why they won't work for you, the reader.

5. *This year, I am going to volunteer.*

Forget it pal. You don't even visit your great-grandma Pearl in the nursing home on Christmas, good luck out there in the wide world of volunteering.

4. *This year, I am going to be a nicer person.*

That was, of course, until so-and-so started getting on your case, called you names and deliberately caused you to spill your New Year's drink all over your sparkly new tank top at exactly 12:07. Now it's on.

3. *This year, I am going to stop smoking and cut back on my drinking habits.*

Sure, whatever you say. I believe you, I really do. Especially since it is technically the New Year at 1:45 a.m., but you are passed out on Jim Bob's couch with an empty martini glass in one hand and a broken

cigarette in the other. Nice going moron.

2. *This year, I am going to study more so that I can get straight A's in school.*

Ok, let me clue you in on something important that everyone should know. Some people in this world are born with brains. Some people are not. You are obviously of the kind that is not. If you haven't been getting straight A's thus far, you might as well give up all hope. Studying won't help. You just aren't going to get any smarter, stupid.

And the best for last, the most abused of all New Year's resolutions...

1. *This year I am going to lose weight.*

Shutup fatty. If that was really true, you would be in

the gym running your rear off (literally) and pumping some major iron. Instead, your fatness is sitting on the couch with a half-eaten bag of potato chips, reading this article. Way to go tubby.

Ok, so maybe I have been a bit too harsh on all of the resolution fanatics out there. In reality, I really do applaud people who attempt a resolution. Go you! Just remember that the New Year isn't the only time to make a resolution to change yourself—any day is a good day for that!

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## Letter to the Editor

### Host family offers great opportunities

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As a host family of foreign exchange students, I would like to encourage area families to open their homes this year. Over the past years, we have hosted seven students from Costa Rica, Japan and Switzerland. Some lived with us for three months, others for a year, many came from different programs, but our family has always had fabulous experiences.

The American Field Service (AFS) is a 90-year old, worldwide program that promotes global peace and justice through international student exchanges. The Minnesota director of AFS is looking for mid-year placements for five teenage boys as soon as possi-

ble. Please consider welcoming an eager, young student into your family. The benefits for your family and your student will last a lifetime!

Adrian from Costa Rica likes to ride on his quad, play soccer, go to the gym, and generally hang out with his friends. His first priority is the well-being of his family and friends, and good grades in school. He is honest and integrates well into any group of people. Adrian lives with his mother, father and sister. They support and love each other and strive to continue their open relationship.

Bao Li from Malaysia would like to be called Eric, is active and enjoys sports, the outdoors, music and work on computers. He is the Commander of his Scout Troup at school, and hopes to become an engineer in the future. As a Scout, Eric has strong discipline, enjoys facing new challenges, has a fun and easy go-

ing personality. Eric lives with his parents, younger brother, and older sister. Family and education are the most important things in his life, and he is very close with his family.

Pablo from Bolivia marks physics as one of his favorite subjects to study, and likes basketball and soccer. Pablo is bursting with anticipation about his year abroad. He is excited about going to another country because he wants to learn a lot about different cultures and life styles. Pablo is responsible, a hard-worker and is initially shy but is outgoing when he gets to know people. Pablo has a younger sister, Daniela, who is thirteen.

Fausto from Brazil enjoys being active, Jiu Jitsu, environmental awareness, nature, hanball and working out. He also likes getting together with friends, family, dancing, watching a movie or taking short trips. Fausto's dad is a veterinarian, and his mom is

a professor, now retired. His brother, Leonardo, is seventeen and plays football. Fausto jokes that his mom is always alert to their actions, while his dad is the more laidback one.

Carlos from Panama plans to follow his father into aviation. Carlos has even gotten some air time in his dad's private four-passenger cessna 180. Carlos is independent, easygoing, generous, friendly and expressive. Carlos is active in his school's band and enjoys participating in school activities.

Carlos, who does volunteer work for the homeless population in his community, has a loving relationship with his family. He has two brothers.

The contact for these AFS students is Rick Landrum, AFS Regional Manager - Upper Midwest, 2356 University Ave. West # 424, St. Paul, MN 55114. The phone numbers are 651-647-6337, extension 2240 or 1-800-876-2377.



# Class with a cold kick **Arts & Entertainment**

## Frozen River Film Festival entertains, educates students



Matt Kasper/WINONAN

Winona State University's Outdoor Club held hiking demonstrations at last weekend's Frozen River Film Festival. The campus activities were a part of the many events in the community.

### Lindsey Holl WINONAN

Winter has been unusually mild this year, but Winona

State University students still felt a chill last week during the Frozen River Film Festival.

The festival, presented by Theatre du Mississippi, began

Thursday evening in a crowded Somsen auditorium.

Arlene Burns, festival director, kicked off the event with photos and stories from her

journeys around the world as an expert whitewater kayaker, climber and mountain biker.

Kenny Salwey, aka the river rat, also shared his documentary, which was filmed by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The film helped viewers understand how Salwey lives in harmony with the environment, and how he depends on the animals and plants for his survival.

Winona State student Joseph Barton said Salwey's presentation surprised him.

"I thought it was an eye-opening experience to learn people still live off the land," he said. "I had no idea people still did that."

The freeze continued over the weekend with several short films in Somsen auditorium and a folk and blues concert at the Masonic Theatre on Main Street.

Saturday's events included various films, food vendors, kiteboarding demonstrations by Red Tail Outfitters, a winter camping demonstration and hiking with the Winona State Outdoor Club.

One popular film was "The End of Suburbia," which attracted about 200 viewers.

The film addressed issues about oil depletion and the strong demand for fossil fuels.

It also questioned how long people in North America will be able to live in suburbs and drive SUVs to commute to work in cities.

Lauren Davis, Winona State student, said the film was informative and made her realize the severity of energy depletion. "Oil could run out at any time and we use it up without doing anything about it," she said. "We're just wasteful."

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## Student showcase, ArtMuse, opens at Watkins Gallery

The second annual *ArtMuse: A Juried Student Exhibition* is open at Winona State University's Paul Watkins Gallery.

*ArtMuse* features the latest artwork created by Winona State students from any academic major or year, and more than 50 original student works are on display.

Student artists compete for three Juror's Awards for Artists-

tic Excellence (cash awards), a People's Choice Award and a Student Union Purchase Award.

The nationally known and award-winning artist James L. Tanner is a juror for this year's *ArtMuse*.

Tanner, originally from Jacksonville, Fla., is a ceramic sculptor, painter and printmaker currently living in Mankato, Minn.

His awards include: Council College of Fellows, American Craft Council; Lifetime Achievement Award, Minnesota Craft Council; Fellow of the Council Award, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts; Jerome Foundation Grant; McKnight Foundation Fellowship; and two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships.

He is Professor Emeritus

of Minnesota State University at Mankato, after teaching there for 35 years, and currently serves as a panel member for the Minnesota Artists' Exhibition Program for the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

"I am fortunate in that my background allows me to be open to all media," Tanner said. "I understand it is more important how materials are used and what comes from that process."

"The common denominator of all works submitted is visual communication. In art, as in life, quality is the bottom line."

Gallery hours run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

*ArtMuse* opened on Jan. 12, and it will remain on display until Feb. 1.

See page 12 for winners.



# Helping Hands: Students plan aid trip to New Orleans

**Ronnie Langel**  
**WINONAN**

Months after Hurricane Katrina decimated New Orleans, clean-up efforts, such as the new class offered at Winona State, are still effectively revitalizing the historical city.

"As a faculty member, I am thrilled to offer a course where students can learn about a situation in depth and see the politics and cultures involved, and then experience it and bring it back home with them," said Tamara Berg, a women's studies professor and class organizer.

Winona State will send 21 students to New Orleans over spring break to help with relief efforts.

As a part of the course taught by Winona State and St. Mary's professors, students will study Katrina's effects and travel to New Orleans to work in different parts of the city.

One proposed work site is the house of Ms. Gerry, a single mother of a son with special needs.

Their residence wasn't destroyed, but it was severely damaged by more than three feet of water.

Students will also help clean the New Orleans city park, which covers city-owned land.

The third proposed work site will be St. Michael's School for Exceptional Children, a school for developmentally and physically disabled children between the ages of five and 21.

The school needs repairs due to wind damage in addition to previous renovations that were scheduled before the hurricane struck.

This type of service work, however, is not the only reason students are traveling south.

Students will be taking a class seven weeks prior to traveling to New Orleans to learn the cultural structure of the city before Hurricane Katrina's devastating effects.

Once students return to Winona, they will present their experiences to the public.

Joan Francioni, computer science professor and course organizer, said the class teaches students about Hurricane Katrina's aftermath through multiple perspectives.

Francioni, a New Orleans native, understands why help is vital.

Out of her six siblings, two lost their houses, and two other residences need repairs.

"We can talk for 10 minutes or a half-hour here and only have a small snapshot of the situation," Francioni said. "This course has the ability to study the background of New Orleans and the hurricane and look at the complex and large array of issues through different lenses."

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## Happy Birthday, KQAL



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Greg White poses for promotional picture for Winona State University's radio station, KQAL. The student and faculty-run radio station celebrated its 30th anniversary in December. KQAL first went on the air in 1975, and it continues to provide both the Winona and campus community with news, feature stories, weather and sports information, as well as music and discussions. The station is run by the mass communication department and is staffed by students and faculty.

## Trying to lose weight? Take the Wellness Challenge

Fulfilling that New Year's resolution to drop a few pounds can be hard, but Winona State students, faculty and staff have another option.

All are invited to participate in the university's fifth annual Wellness Challenge, an event in which groups compete to see who can maintain the healthiest lifestyle.

Participants may form their own teams, each with one leader and nine members.

The groups will use tracking sheets to record their progress, and they will be awarded points for their healthy activities.

Winners will receive T-shirts.

The contest begins on on

Jan. 30, and it will run until Feb. 26.

During that time, teams will turn their tracking sheets in to the Fitness Center's front desk every Monday.

Teams scoring will be located on the Wellness Challenge bulletin board.

People interested in forming a team should pick up a registration form from the Fitness Center before Jan. 30.

Participants also may download a form from the Challenge's website at <http://www.winona.edu/fitnesscenter/617.htm>.

For more information on the contest and tracking sheets, contact the Fitness Center or visit its website.

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Another Winona State student, Angie Calvin, said the film's striking realities scared her.

Calvin also said that she feels that the media need to inform more people about the seriousness of the oil situation.

The Frozen River Film Festival was part of the Mountainfilm Festival, which is held every Memorial Day weekend in Telluride, Colo.

The Mountainfilm Festival began as a "dirtbag climber's festival" with rock climbers meeting in Telluride to share their rock climbing films and stories, Burns said.

Burns said that participants used to "climb all day, drink beer and show films all night."

After 15 years; however, the festival has grown larger to include issues about the environment and cultural and social change, she said.

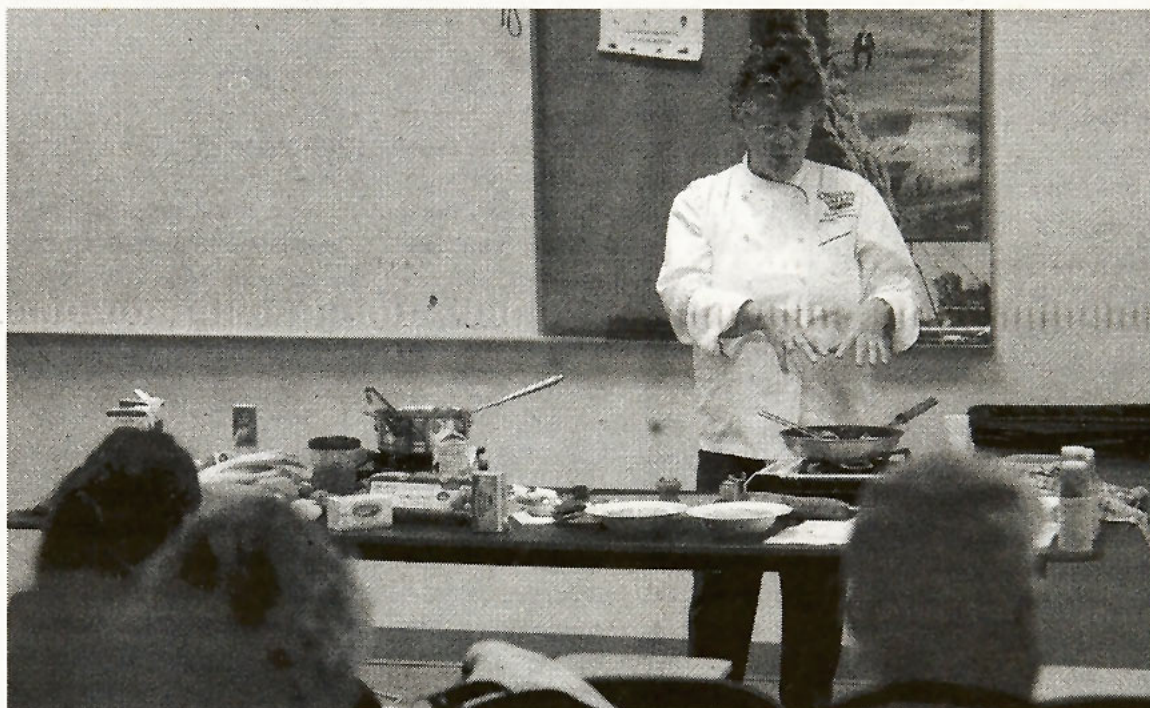
Burns said that she saw the "mountains as a metaphor for the largeness of life."

"[The Frozen River Film Festival] brings the community and the university together," she said.

Barton said the festival was entertaining and insightful.

"I think the film festival was a good idea," he said. "I hope it gets bigger next year and that more people show up. The events had some pretty good messages about life."

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Matt Kasper/WINONAN

**Chef Monique Hooker gives a presentation in Stark 106 during Saturday's Frozen River Film Festival. She discussed cooking with organic food. Hooker also gave a demonstration about root vegetables and how to prepare them to get the highest quality flavor.**

## Making amusing pieces

Paul Watkins Gallery lists winners for student exhibition, *ArtMuse*



Contributed photos  
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**(Above) First Place: Ryan Corfits—*Untitled***  
Corfits made his sculpture with wood, metal and light. He said he was inspired by the interaction between wood and metal.

**(Above right) Second Place: Brenda Barthel—*Winona Outskirts***

Barthel's piece is a digitally manipulated photographic composition focusing on railroad tracks.

**(Right) People's Choice Award: Skye Meyers—*Hope***

Meyers said that she is inspired by Anne Geddes.



**(Above) Third Place: Justin Henry—*Orcwart/Epic Battle***  
Henry said that his pencil drawing was inspired by Todd Lockwood. He said that he has a love-hate relationship with the artist and hopes to one day surpass him, but he will always respect his work.

**(Right) Student Union Purchase Award: Christopher Schmid—*Untitled***  
Schmid's steel and aluminum piece is the first sculpture chosen for a purchase award.



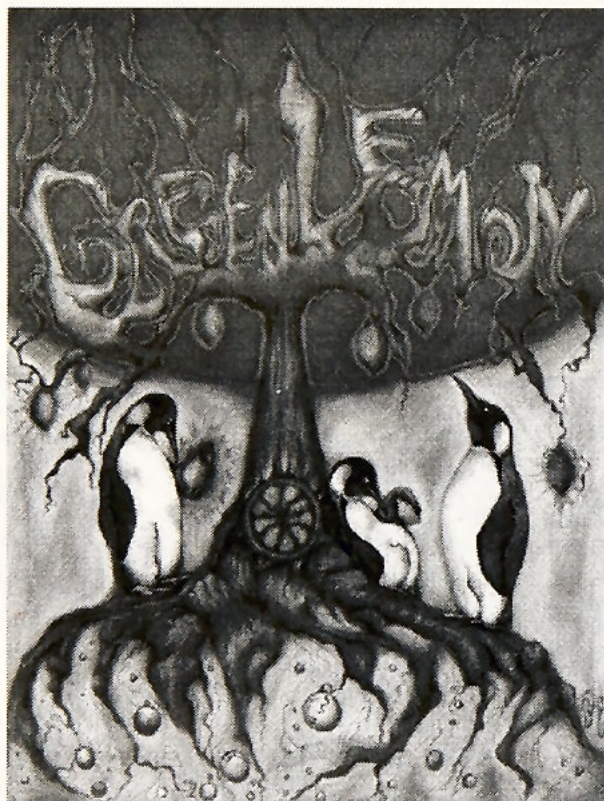


# Green Lemon will kick off new year with Rascal's show

The jam band, Green Lemon, will pay a visit to Rascal's in Winona on Jan. 26.

In 2005, the band toured the country from coast to coast playing over 150 shows.

The band was named the "New Home Grown



Band of the Year" by Leeway's Home Grown Music Network and listed as a "Top Band to See Live in 2005" by Jambase.com.

They were also named "Independent Artist of the Year" by Hapi Skratch Entertainment who distributes their self-titled CD.

Jambands.com recognized them as the "New Groove of the Month" for March 2005, an honor that could potentially nominate them for a Jammy award early this year.

Green Lemon was selected to play two shows at the Wakarusa Festival, which draws fans from across the nation to Lawrence, Kansas each June.

They were also featured at the 10,000 Lakes Festival in Michigan, SummerCamp Festival in Illinois, Firelake Festival in South Carolina and the Feel Good Festival in Wisconsin.

The band rounded out the year by winning Relix Magazine's Jam-Off Contest.

From more than 300 entrants, Green Lemon was chosen to have a song included on Relix Magazine's Jam-Off compilation CD.

Relix also invited the band to perform at a winner's showcase concert in New York City in September during the CMJ Music Marathon.

Despite a successful year, the band still had some difficulties.

In April, as the band was leaving the mountain

town of Durango, they struck an 800-pound elk at 4:00 a.m.

The converted school bus that the band toured in was badly damaged.

The bus was repaired and dubbed "The Elkslayer," but it continued to break down as the band traveled through the southeastern U.S.

Once, while they were stranded, a thief posing as a good samaritan stole the band fund from the bus on the side of the road while Green Lemon performed nearby.

The band decided to get a new vehicle, but the bus died again before they could return home to Colorado with it.

During the breakdown, guitarist Steve Schaben was forced to celebrate his 21st birthday in the parking lot of a small town truck stop while waiting overnight for a mechanic to repair the bus.

Road flares replaced birthday candles and fellow band members had to walk two miles to purchase beer to mark the rite of passage.

Green Lemon has since then acquired a new charter bus to make touring more comfortable.

For more information on the Rascal's show, call 507-454-2173.

To learn more about the band, visit their website at [www.greenlemonband.com](http://www.greenlemonband.com) to find the full tour schedule, fan forums and audio samples.

## Professors prepare Spanish song performance

Winona State University's Department of Music will present a concert of Classical Spanish song on Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Art's Center Recital Hall.

The performance, "Canciones de Espana—Songs of 19th Century Spain," features Winona State music faculty members Suzanne Rhodes Draayer, soprano vocalist, and Deanne Mohr, pianist.

The concert, consisting of 20 song selections from Draayer's latest anthology, are accompanied by projected song translations and images of Spain.

Draayer is the author of numerous

publications including her most recent 29-song anthology, "Canciones de Espana—Songs of 19th-Century Spain, Volume Two," published in Oct. 2005 by Scarecrow Press.

In addition to teaching at Winona State, she performs, lectures and teaches master vocal classes in the United States and abroad.

Draayer first discovered Spanish music while completing her doctorate degree at the University of Maryland. She said she was taken by the "beautiful repertoire of sensual music with lyrics that are like love poetry. Everybody loves Spanish music—come find

out why."

Mohr, originally from Canada, earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Regina in Saskatchewan.

She received her master's and doctorate degrees from Universite de Montreal.

Mohr has taught music at Winona State for three years, and she is an active chamber musician, accompanist and soloist.

Concert tickets will be available at the door for \$5 for the general public and \$3 for students and senior citizens.



Deanne Mohr

### Upcoming music events

**Jan. 29:** Chamber Music Winona. Conductor: Don Lovejoy. Event starts at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Recital Hall. Cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

**Feb. 9-11:** Renaissance Madri-

gal Banquet featuring the Winona State choirs. Conductor: Harry Mechell. Event starts at 6 p.m. in Lourdes. Tickets will be available in the music department.

**Feb. 19:** Student Recital. Susan Haller: piano. Event starts at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Recital Hall. Free ad-

mission.

**Feb. 21:** Faculty Recital. Eric Brisson: piano. Event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Recital Hall. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

**Feb. 25:** Winona Symphony Orchestra. Conductor: Paul

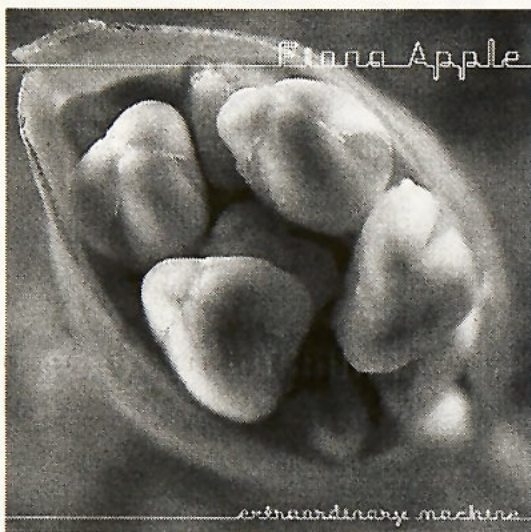
Vance. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. on the Performing Arts Center's Mainstage. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens.

**March 4:** Winona State University Cello Day. Coordinator: Paul Vance. Guest musician will be Tanya Reminikova. The

event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Recital Hall.

For more information on upcoming concerts, visit the music department's website at <http://www.winona.edu/music/index.htm>.





## Will Maravelas WINONAN

With six years between albums, an artist has no choice but to deliver an amazing album for his/her fans or accept commercial suicide.

Fiona Apple's third and best release, "Extraordinary Machine," is exactly that: an eclectic collection of beautiful and thought-provoking pieces of music layered with prose that is sure to delight even the fans who doubted her most.

Apple's previous release, "When the Pawn..." was at the time hailed by almost all of the critics.

Her follow-up album, which would eventually be-

# CD Review: Apple returns with power, soul

come "Extraordinary Machine," was shelved by Sony Records due to the label not finding a radio hit in the vein of "Fast as You Can" from "Pawn" or her biggest hit "Criminal" from her debut album, "Tidal."

Apple is quoted in previous interviews that she had all but given up on music until she ran across the website freefiona.com, a site completely dedicated to forcing Sony to release the "Extraordinary" album.

The album had been leaked via the internet for quite some time, so fans knew it was there.

It may have been leaked, but the album did not experience hindered sales.

Rather, the CD has garnered some of the best reviews of Apple's career, and it has sold well—charting as high as number three on the billboard charts.

The fact that great albums are shelved daily for being non-

commercial is an unfortunate side-effect of big record companies doing big business.

The album is an A+ delivery all the way, with 12 well-written pieces of music, exciting lyric content and more fused music styles than a Pink Floyd death-metal cover CD (p.s. it doesn't exist. Don't look for it).

Jazz, hip-hop rhythms, funk, rock, classic...you can hear hints of everything on this record, but somehow Apple maintains her signature sound while totally deviating from it.

"Get Him Back" is one shining example of brilliance on the record.

Also check out the title-track and "Better Version of Me" to see the combination of styles that follow the entire album.

"Tymps" (the stick in the head song) is one of the weirdest combi-

nations of music and bizarre harmonies in recent memory (Well, the title kind of gives that away).

"Parting Gift" will give anybody with a soul at least a tear or two.

Apple may have the stigma of being "music to hate men by," but this album is definitely far from it.

Anyone who is into anything with a little more heart, soul and (dare I say in today's music world) creativity, will

find "Extraordinary Machine" to be a well-deserved purchase.

It was one of my best-of picks for last year, and if you go out and nab yourself a copy, I am sure you will agree.

**Album:** "Extraordinary Machine"

**Rating:** A

**For fans of:** Tori Amos, Pink Floyd, Sarah McLachlan, Radiohead

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## Winona reading panel-ists discuss 'Silent Spring'

The Winona Reads! Community Book Project invites all students, faculty and community members to join Winona State University professors Bruno Borsari, Toby Dogwiler, Robin Richardson, Ed Slowik and Sustain Winona member Martha Greenwald for a panel discussion regarding the relevance of Silent Spring in the 21st Century.

The event will be on Jan. 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Winona State University Science Lab Building Auditorium (Room 120).

Panelists will offer their

assessments of how this groundbreaking work has affected the Winona area, in addition to the lessons that this publication teaches after 40 years in print.

Winona Reads! is sponsored by The Friends of the Winona Public Library, the American Association of University Women, the Winona Public Library, and WAPS Community Education.

This program is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Vicki English at 454-1215.

## Jamie: Dating with no snow on the ground

Welcome back for another semester at WSU. Well, the year has only begun, and I'm already receiving e-mails asking me what students can do to make that perfect date. Many are bummed about the absence of winter-themed dating options. Not to worry, people. You can stop lamenting not being able to build snow forts to get busy in and start giving these tips a try.

**1. Go golfing.** The weather is ideal right now for this great date. Make sure you can actually play though, unless your partner has a good sense of humor.

**2. Do some grass sledding.** Who needs the snow? Dig out

the toboggan and hit the green hills. You can learn a lot about your partner after he/she gets a faceful of muddy grass and old cigarette butts that have been buried under snow for two months. For brownie points, do your laundry together afterward.

**3. Go ice skating.** Okay, you may not be able to pull this one off. If the water is actually moving, you'll probably want to ditch the idea and opt for grass sledding instead. Or, you can just wait for it to get colder. Either way, be careful.

**4. Get pitchers of beer at the Rivoli in La Crosse.** If you haven't discovered this nice little date place, you have been

deprived. If you don't like the outdoors, take your partner here. One can't go wrong with cheap movie tickets, beer and pizza.

**5. Hold a scavenger hunt.**

The ground is bare now, meaning that you can find some cool stuff. Walk around and look for coins, cell phones, whatever. Whoever finds the most soda and beer cans makes the other buy him/her a drink. Quadruple points if you find any of those little orange circus peanuts. Immediate win if you actually eat one.

Cheers,  
Jamie

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# 'Brokeback Mountain' is one of year's most enlightening films

**Film**  
"Brokeback Mountain"

**Movie Type**  
Drama/Romance

**Running Time**  
134 minutes

**Directed by**  
Ang Lee

**Cast**  
Heath Ledger, Jake Gyllenhaal, Michelle Williams, Anne Hathaway

**MPAA Rating**  
R: for sexuality, nudity, language and violence

**Rating**  
A+

**Erik McClanahan**  
**WINONAN**

Certain films give you a glimpse into a world you know nothing about, and reveal truths about human nature that may seem odd and unbearable to some people. It is often these particular films that provide the most rewarding and enriching experience at the multiplex.

"Brokeback Mountain" is one of those films.

A deeply emotional and honest tale about two cowboys (played with raw emotion by both Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal) who fall in love in Wyoming while sheepherding in the summer of 1963, the film is a landmark achievement in the already impressive career of director Ang Lee ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon,"

"The Ice Storm").

"Brokeback Mountain" also serves as a return to form for Lee, whose last film "Hulk" was an ambitious, yet misguided attempt at a serious comic book film.

Not since Wes Anderson's "The Royal Tenenbaums" has a film been so perfectly cast. Lee brings out career performances in Ledger and Gyllenhaal (Ledger plays Ennis Del Mar, a Wyoming ranch hand, and Gyllenhaal is Jack Twist, a rodeo cowboy), but most impressive are the performances he pulls from Anne Hathaway ("Princess Diaries") and Michelle Williams ("Dawson's Creek").

Williams especially gives a performance for the ages. Playing Ennis' wife Alma, the actress is forced into a role that requires a delicate balance of

sadness, shock, heartbreak, confusion and affection, and she hits every note with the confidence of a seasoned veteran of the screen.

The film was adapted from a short story by E. Annie Proulx. Screenwriters Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana tell the story frankly, using subtle character revelations, realistic dialogue and graceful story arcs to weave a tale of forbidden love.

Many moviegoers will be turned off by the film's subject matter, and that is a shame because great films show us something that we've never seen before, and "Brokeback Mountain" is a film that challenges our conceptions about love by telling the story of two men who truly love each other (Ledger and Gyllenhaal are so impressive that you truly be-

lieve in their relationship with no reservations) but know they must keep it a secret from the rest of the world.

Rarely do films like this come along, and I urge all to seek out and discover "Brokeback Mountain." There isn't a misstep in the entire film; it contains beautiful music (by Golden Globe winner Gustavo Santaolalla), striking visuals, great direction that produces great performances and superior storytelling.

"Brokeback Mountain" is playing in both of Rochester's multiplexes. Do yourself a favor and make the trip if you want to see one of the best films of the year.

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## Capsule reviews: More great films to start your semester

**Erik McClanahan**  
**WINONAN**

**"Munich"**

Directed by Steven Spielberg  
RATING: A-

A fascinating and balanced account of Israel's retaliation to the terrorist killings of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes in 1972 by the Palestinian group Black September, "Munich" serves as Steven Spielberg's most unapologetic film to date.

The film follows five Mossad agents (led by Eric Bana) who are responsible for tracking down and killing those responsible for the attack.

"Munich" is a film that stays in your head long after you've left the theater, and you may feel as if the story and its characters achieve little if nothing at all, but that is the point in this dark Spielberg vision of terrorism and its never-ending consequences. The film closes with a haunting image of the World Trade Center buildings,

showing the audience how one attack begets another and so and so on. . . .

**"The Squid and the Whale"**  
Directed by Noah Baumbach  
RATING: A-

Writer/director Noah Baumbach (who co-wrote "The Life Aquatic") tells a personal story based on his experiences dealing with his parents' rocky divorce in the 1980s.

Jeff Daniels is a riot as the father, while Laura Linney plays her part to perfection as the mother of two boys who deal with their parents' divorce in heartbreaking, honest and often hilarious ways.

Baumbach shows much promise as a Wes Anderson protégé, displaying the same affection for deadpan humor spliced with touching drama. The film had me laughing hysterically in its first 30 seconds, and it never let up right on to the touching finale.

**"King Kong"**

Directed by Peter Jackson  
RATING: A-

Peter Jackson proves that he certainly isn't a one-trick pony with this huge follow-up to the monstrous success of the "Lord of the Rings" films.

Despite an epic running time of 3 hours and 7 minutes, "King Kong" hardly drags at all, and the audience doesn't see Kong until an hour in to the movie.

With awe-inspiring special effects, action sequences (the highlight being a 20 minute battle royale between Kong

and three T-Rexes!) and loving nods to the original 1933 original "King Kong" masterpiece, this is a popcorn film that is more brains than brawn.

**"Walk the Line"**

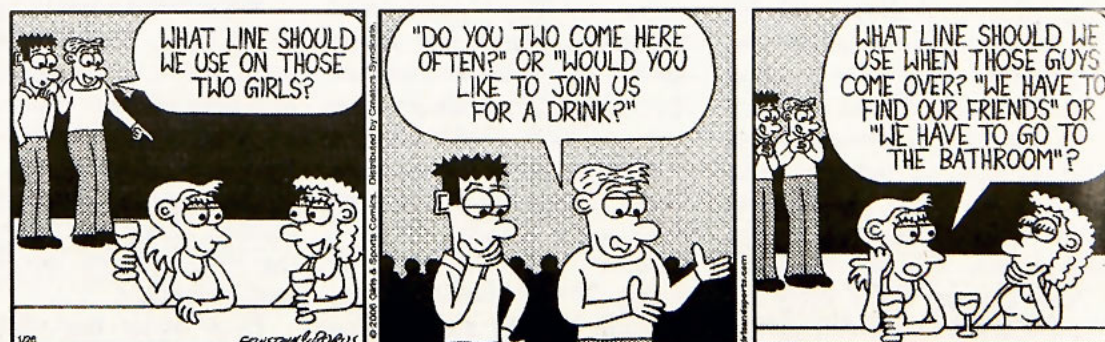
Directed by James Mangold  
RATING: B+

Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon have terrific chemistry in this intriguing and touching biopic of the romance between Johnny Cash and June Carter.

Director James Mangold is more concerned with telling an interesting romance than in

simply chronicling the ups and downs of the late country music star. Unlike last year's Oscar-winner "Ray," this is a film not just about a great career and a hazardous life of a musician but also about a touching romance between two people who couldn't tell each other how they truly felt for years and years.

With phenomenal music set pieces (in which Phoenix and Witherspoon actually sing the songs!) and an involving story, "Walk the Line" is a musical biopic that rivals some of the best ever made.



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# The Perspective: Where were you when Kobe scored '81'?

**Scott Swanson**  
**WINONAN**

This past Sunday, something truly remarkable happened. What I thought would be a day of relaxing, watching football and putting off homework, quickly turned into something much different.

I was sitting at my desk, taking a stab at some history homework late Sunday evening, when suddenly my buddy Diddy instant messaged me. The conversation went

something like this:

Diddy: KOBE BRYANT! SICK!

Scott: What? What's going on?

(Five second pause)

Scott: AHHHHH?!?!?

My initial reaction to Diddy's message was the thought that Kobe had another one of his ever-so-common 50 point nights. Not a real big deal since he's been doing it so often lately.

Either way, I immediately surfed to check was what up for myself. After I saw it, I

didn't know how to respond. The thought of doing history became just that.

Kobe Bryant had 72 points with more than four minutes remaining in his game vs. the Toronto Raptors.

This was history, and it was far from over. I watched the rest of the game play out. Bryant finished the game with 81 points — the second-highest point total in the history of the NBA.

I was ecstatic, to say the least. Being the NBA nut that I am, I knew that night was a

very special one.

Just a year ago, nobody could have imagined any NBA player even coming close to Wilt Chamberlain's single-game record.

In fact, Wilt's 100 has been constantly mentioned on the short list of sports records that will never be broken (right up there with Joe D's 56 and Cal's consecutive games). After the Kobe Game, people have realized that Wilt's untouched record might not be as safe as we previously believed.

If Kobe can score 81 (55 in

one half), surely he could top the 100 mark if everything was going his way on one magical night.

Kobe's 81 points clearly overshadowed Sunday's football action, and it is a game that will go down in history as quite possibly the single greatest performance in NBA history.

The scary thing is that Bryant is just 27 years old. His best years could still lie ahead. We sports fans can only hope.

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## Jibber Jabber: Which sports postseason is the most exciting



**Scott Swanson**  
Sports Editor

*Eds. Note: Sports reporter John Huggenvik and editor Scott Swanson are debating which is the best of all sports postseasons.*

**Scott:** Nothing beats postseason sports. Whether it's an NFL game coming down to a Peyton Manning two-minute drill or an NBA playoff game resting on the last shot of Tim Duncan, sports playoffs are a sports fan's dream. Lucky for us spectators, we get to reap the benefits of the added pressure and "nothing else matters" mentality carried by the athletes. Although all the postseasons are spectacular to watch, the Major League Baseball playoffs are the best. It's America's pastime being played night in, night out, with the World Series on the line. The NFL playoffs are great, but as we saw this past weekend, there are too many blowouts and you only get a few games a week. The NBA playoffs can be as exciting as anything, but

they are spread out over a two month span, which kills their novelty.

**John:** I definitely agree that the NBA playoffs are too long and I think we can lump the NHL in there with them as too long. Here is the problem with the MLB playoffs — being an avid baseball fan, I love the postseason (even when my beloved Twins fail to make the playoffs), but they also stretch on for too long. There is a possibility of 19 games from the Division Series through the League Championships and the World Series. That is ridiculous. We all knew that the Chicago White Sox were on top last year, it was undeniable (even though it is blasphemy). Having to watch a possible 19 games to answer the unquestioned is ludicrous.

**Scott:** One of the first things that comes to mind when I think of the fall season is October baseball. Staying up to watch the extra inning games, where any single pitch could determine a team's fate. It just doesn't get any better than that. I have absolutely nothing wrong with watching a team play 19 baseball games in the span of a month. That's the perfect way to conduct a playoff.

**John:** It's great, don't get me wrong, but why does Boston get to climb back in after trailing 3-0? Too many games gives second place teams too many

chances to climb back in and generate the upset. The NFL playoffs are great because each team gets one chance. Teams have to be at their best in every play; otherwise, it will cost them the season. Blowouts happen in every sport, and football gets a misconstrued version because a couple scores look like a huge gap. There is more electricity in a single-game-per-round format.

**Scott:** The NFL playoffs can be fun, but they have a tendency to get boring. Oftentimes you end up watching a highly uncontested game. Take the Super Bowl, for example. More often than not, this game is a severely over-hyped contest. Of the 39 Super Bowls, 21 have been decided by 14 points or more. You have to wait two weeks to watch one game — the Super Bowl. With baseball, you have that high intensity, every-pitch-matters feeling on your television every single night for almost a month.

**John:** But it takes 162 games to get there. Baseball has the same feeling in the postseason as it does in the regular season — we will get them next time. Lose two in-a-row, oh well, we were at the bottom of the rotation. Drop two in a row in the NFL and you lose home-field advantage.

Even better than the NFL playoffs though, is the bowl season in college football.

There are so many games with so much individual drama that you can't help but get excited. It all leads to the ultimate contest in college football, and when this is separated from the big bowls (the addition of the fifth BCS game next year) it will be fantastic.

**Scott:** The College Bowl Games are the ultimate contest? Try the ultimate travesty. Having a computer select two teams to play for the championship is probably the worst way to handle postseason play. This also makes the other bowl games virtually meaningless.

**John:** OK, we're at a stalemate, what is your No. 2?

**Scott:** The second best sports postseason after the MLB playoffs is, without a doubt, the NCAA men's basketball tournament, or March Madness, if you prefer. What other postseason has its month named after it? March Madness is the largest team tournament in sports today and it gives us more exciting moments than any other postseason, year in, year out. What was once a field of the top 64 teams in the nation dwindles down to one national champion. The NCAA tournament also separates itself from other sports postseasons because it provides us with the chance to put together our brackets every year and compete against everyone we know in our crazy NCAA pools. Who



**John Huggenvik**  
Sports Reporter

would have ever thought that you could end up caring about a Temple vs. Alabama game?

**John:** This is going to seem crazy, and maybe it is, but I think that the second most exciting post season is the Little League World Series. Seriously. These kids have nothing but a pure love of baseball and they are playing just because they can. I love March Madness. Don't get me wrong, they all have something going for them. Individual talent is so often the focal point of any one game. So many players jumping ship early to head to the NBA I think it serves as more of a last hurrah than a serious post season. If the NCAA tourney whittles down 64 teams (or 119 Division I teams at the onset of the season) the Little League World Series is the culmination of thousands of teams from across the globe.

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# Freshmen lead the way for Gymnastics team

**John Huggenvik**  
**WINONAN**

The Winona State University gymnastics team started things out red hot, sweeping both of its two duals and taking third in the Illinois State University Invite.

Eileen Strube has been pacing the Warriors with two top all-around scores, which helped her garner Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference athlete-of-the-week honors last week.

Strube, a freshman, had the top all-around score for Winona State at ISU with a 35.350, good enough for third place in the competition. One week later Strube went three points better and took the all-around in the Warriors home opener win over UW-Stout.

Winona State continued its strong conference performance against Gustavus Apolphus, defeating the Gusties 170.7-170.325.

Melissa Vodvarka took first in the all-around with a 33.875, Ashley Norton was second at 33.250. Strube finished third with 33.000.

The Warriors host UW-Oshkosh today and then travel to Southeast Missouri State on Saturday.

Following that, Winona State will travel to UW-

**Winonan Player  
of the Week**  
Eileen Strube  
Freshman, All-Around  
Lemont, Ill.  
Major: Movement Science



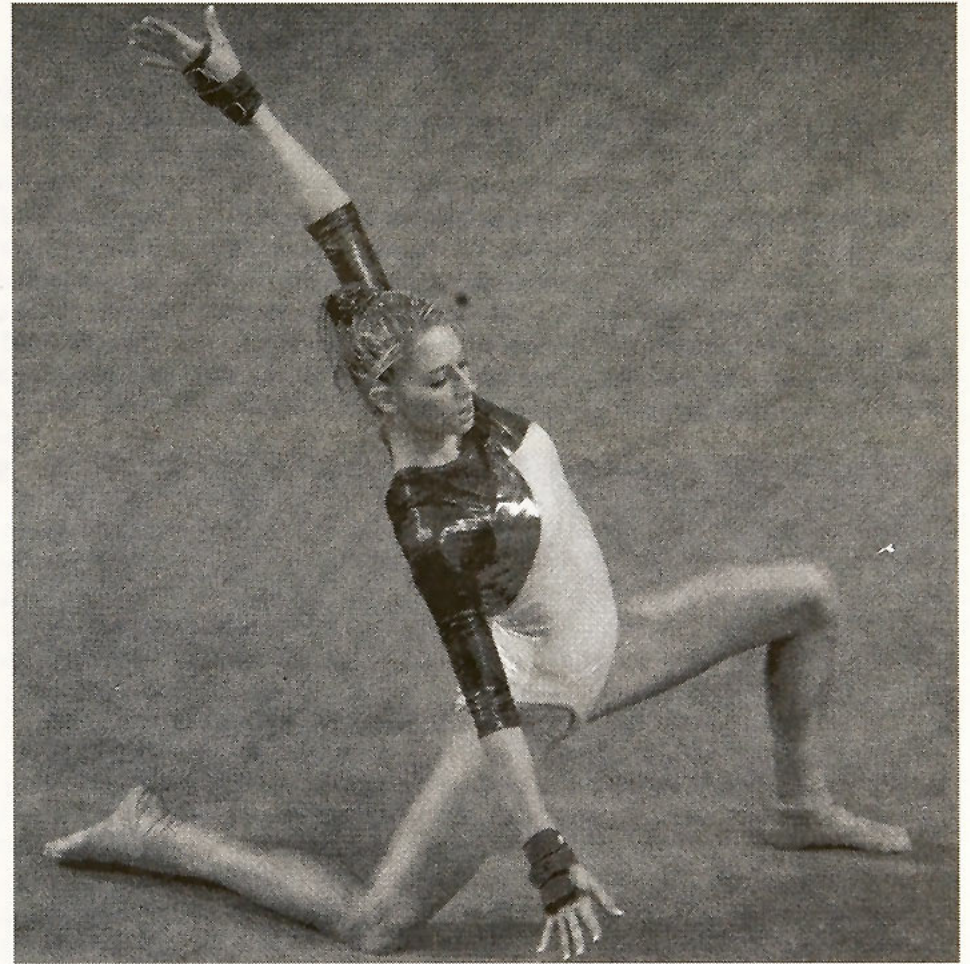
Eileen was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference athlete-of-the-week last week. She has already won the all-around event twice to lead the way for the Warriors.

the roster.

Most recently, the Warrior freshman have done well for themselves, taking the top place in each event with an exception of the floor exercise in last week's meet against the Gusties

Alexandra Nugent scored a 9.250 on the vault for first overall, Heidi Kick also finished on the uneven parallel bars with a score of 8.750. Strube was first on the balance beam with an 8.700, and Nugent finished the floor exercise with an 8.825 and a second place finish.

In the meet with UW-Stout, the Warriors were again strong in each event with the biggest weakness coming on the floor.



**Doug Sundin/WINONAN**

The Winona State gymnastics team scored 170.70 overall against Gustavus, taking the win in last week's meet at St. Peter, Minn.

Nugent was again first on the vault, finishing with a 9.425. Vodvarka's 9.050 led a slew of Warriors at the top of uneven parallel bars. Strube was first

on the beam with a 9.250. Renae Lee was second on the floor with a 9.075.

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# Track team claims five top finishes

**Scott Swanson**  
**WINONAN**

The Winona State University track team won five events in their second meet of the indoor season, the Blugold Indoor Open in Eau Claire, Wis.

The team took second place in the meet, losing only to UW-Eau Claire.

Leading the way for the Warriors was senior Deidra Faber, the former Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Female Athlete of the Year.

Faber placed first in the 400-meter run with a time of

1:00.73.

Last year, Faber became the first All-American track athlete in Winona State history with her performance in the 400 hurdles.

Close behind Faber in the 400 were three other Warriors: Nicci Johnson, Lisa Meyer and Samantha Lisowski, who took second, fourth and fifth respectively.

Freshman Theresa Pawelko provided Winona State with another first-place finish, this time in the 800. Pawelko's time of 2:28.03 bested teammate Adi Luedtke's second-place time of

**Winonan Player  
of the Week**  
Emily King  
Junior, Thrower  
Cudahy, Wis.  
Major: Cardiac Rehab.



Emily tallied one of the Warriors five wins in dominating fashion last weekend.

2:30.89.

Winona State's 4x200 relay team also prevailed. Their time of 1:48.11 beat the runner-up UW-Eau Claire squad by more than five seconds.

The Warriors' other wins came with a sweep of the two throwing competitions.

Junior thrower Nicole Lonning beat out the competition in the shot put with a final throw of 12.78 meters.

Lonning is the Winona State shot put record-holder.

Junior thrower Emily King clinched one more win for Winona State with her

performance in the weight throw.

King won in dominating fashion, making a final throw of 16.45 meters. The second-place throw, by teammate Lonning, was good for 14.68 meters.

The Warriors next meet is the UW-Whitewater Invite this Saturday in Whitewater, Wis.

The following weekend will be a busy one for Winona State, as they travel to Northfield, Minn. on Friday for the Carleton Quad and then return home on Saturday for the Cardinal Invite.



# WSU basketball drops eighth straight

Warriors overall record falls to 7-12, 0-6 in the conference

**John Huggenvik**  
**WINONAN**

Winona State University women's basketball coach Scott Ballard may have come up with the most insightful

reason why his team has hit a bit of a slippery spot at the midpoint of its season.

"Thirteen nonconference games means 13 game films for teams to watch," Ballard said. "With all that film out

there it is pretty easy to see what we have been trying to do."

The Warriors, who are currently 7-12 overall and 0-6 in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, haven't won a game since Dec. 28, 2005, when they defeated South Dakota 61-59 at the Elmen Center during

the Valley Clinic Holiday Classic in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Since then, Winona State has dropped eight-in-a-row including its entire conference schedule to date.

The Warriors' losing streak extends beyond the beginning of this season, having not won a NSIC-game since Jan. 8 of last season.

The current 16-game losing-streak extends back to the Warriors' last win, a 45-42 victory over Bemidji State.

The Warriors' early season nonconference schedule seems to be serving two purposes. On one hand, the Warriors built a fair bit of confidence with a win over South Dakota and Mt. Mary, where Winona State broke two separate scoring records with their 104-19 victory.

The first was for fewest points allowed, breaking the previous mark of 22, set back in 1977 against St. Teresa's, and the second was for largest margin of victory, surpassing

the 75-point win over Mt. Senario (Wis.) in 1996.

But on the other hand, lots of tape meant that future teams would have plenty of good

of 78-63. Junior center Leslie Ross scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the losing effort while Freshman guard Liz Buttke added 19 more points for the Warriors on 7-of-12 shooting.

The Warriors haven't had a first-half lead since the Dec. 11, when they hosted UW-River Falls and have shot 40 percent in the first half of the past eight.

Leading the way in the scoring column this season has been Buttke and Ross, who each are currently averaging more than 12 points a game. Ross, has had a bit of a downturn lately, averaging 10 a game since the streak began. Buttke hasn't been a model of consistency either, scoring a career-high 29 in the Warriors' Jan. 7 loss to Bemidji State after three single digit scoring performances in the games prior.

Although the Warriors have been struggling, it may not actually be quite as bad as it seems for the Winona State women's basketball department. The Warriors are a very young team. Their starting lineup consists of two sophomores and two freshman, and they have no seniors on the roster.

Winona State is just past the mid-point of the conference season and will be looking to get their first win during a home-and-home with Concordia-St. Paul over the

next two weeks. Winona State will be on the road this weekend and then will return home to

McCown Gymnasium Feb. 4 for a 6 p.m. contest with the Golden Bears.

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## Winonan Player of the Week

Leslie Ross  
Junior, Center  
Omaha, Neb.  
Major: Mass Comm.



In two games played last week, Leslie nearly averaged a double-double (10 points, 8.5 rebounds). She leads the Warriors this season in rebounding, averaging 7.6. She is also second in scoring, with a 12.3 average.

looks at what the Warriors wanted to do.

One example that seems to typify the Warriors skid was the opening game of their home stand this past weekend when the Warriors played host to No. 6 Northern State University on Friday.

Winona State maintained its aggressive low-post game, but the Wolves countered with a tight zone defense inside that gave the Warriors plenty of open looks from 20-feet and out.

Good looks or not, the Warriors were struggling to find the basket outside, inside or anywhere else, shooting a dismal 13 percent from the field in the first half and allowing Northern State to gain a 41-11 halftime lead. The Wolves would go on to win the game 67-41.

Winona State played host to MSU-Moorhead the following night and faced defeat once again. This time by a score



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Winona State freshman guard Katie Zellner drives to the hoop during a game against Northern State. Zellner scored 13 points four rebounds in the contest. The Warriors would go on to lose the game 67-41.



# Warriors roll past No. 5-ranked Northern State

## Chandler MacLean WINONAN

A disappointing home loss to Bemidji State University on Jan. 7 reminded the Winona State University men's basketball team that nothing comes easily in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

"That game was a real eye-opener for us," WSU coach Mike Leaf said. "It showed us that we have to bring our A-game every night."

After the loss, the Warriors turned it around and recorded back-to-back road wins at Wayne State College and Southwest Minnesota State

### Winonan Player of the Week

David Zellmann  
Senior, Guard  
Lewiston, Minn.  
Major: Accounting



David averaged 24 points per game in two crucial conference wins. The senior hit 7-11 three point attempts and shot 56.7 percent from the field. He was just five points from WSU's all-time scoring mark when this issue of the Winonan went to press.

University, before returning home to McCown Gymnasium for three games, the first of which against Northern State University, the fifth-ranked team in the nation.

With a share of first place in the NSIC on the line, the Warriors (14-4, 5-1) delivered an outstanding performance, and earned a decisive 92-78 win over the Wolves.

Down 42-43 at the half, Winona State used a suffocating man-to-man

defense to open up a 25-9 second half scoring run, and took control of the game. The Wolves (15-2, 5-1) shot only 30.3 percent from the floor in the second half after shooting 54.5 percent in the first.

The win reinforced the 18th-ranked Warriors status as serious contenders in both the NSIC and all of Division II. The balance and consistency that has propelled Winona State to a tie atop the conference standings was better than advertised.

The Warriors transition offense, led by their talented backcourt, junior guard Zach Malvik and senior guard David Zellmann, was effective throughout the game. Winona State had a noticeable speed advantage against the bigger Wolves team, and had their way off the dribble and in transition throughout the game.

Malvik led the Warriors with 25 points and Zellmann added 24.

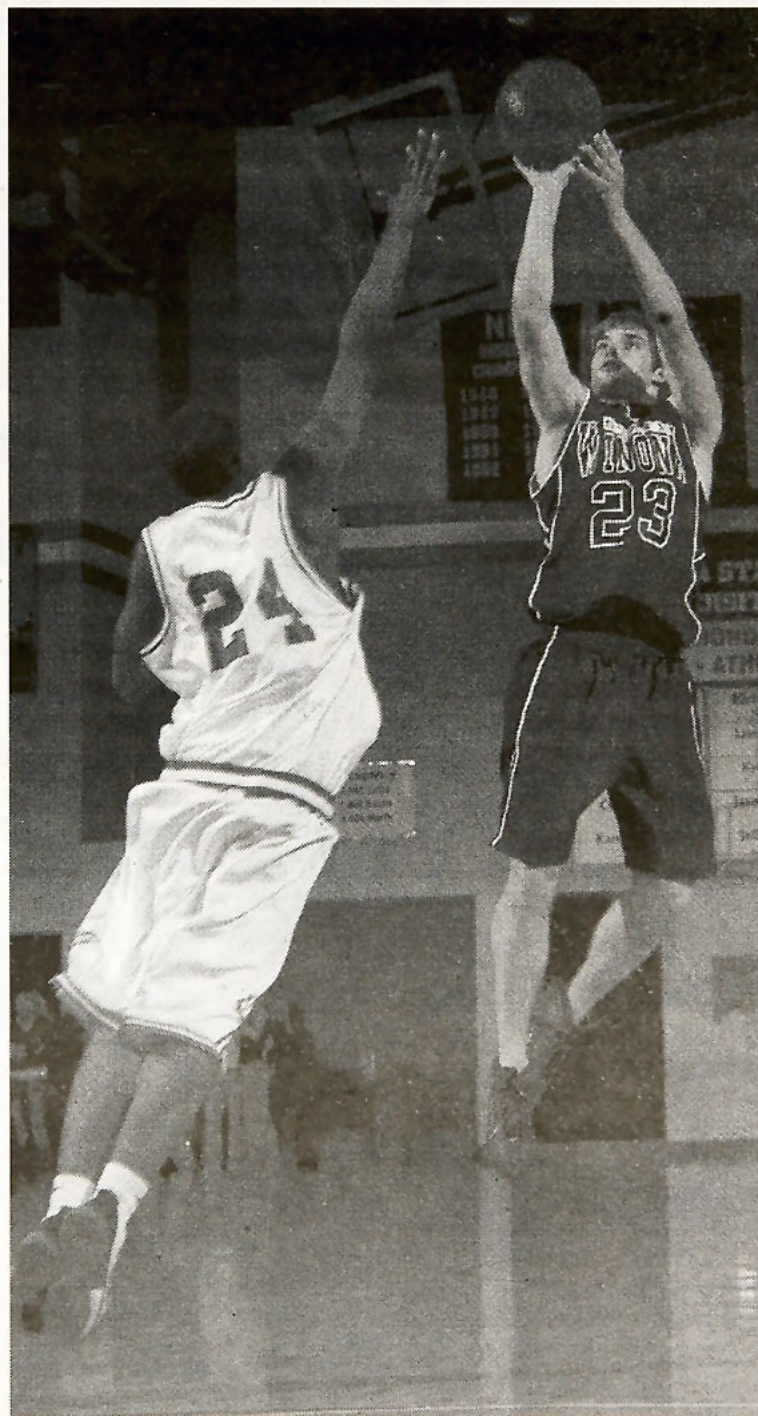
"We've got some tremendous athletes and they have some bigger guys," Leaf said. "We wanted to get them running up and down the court... it takes a toll later in the game."

Sophomore Center John Smith, fresh from being named NSIC Player of the Week for the second time this season, was a factor on both ends of the court, and finished with 13 points, eight rebounds, five blocks and three assists in just 24 minutes played.

Even with the team's three leading scorers (Zellmann, Malvik and Smith) producing at a high level, the Warriors relied heavily on some impressive defensive efforts.

Junior guard Quincy Henderson, sophomore guard Jonte Flowers and sophomore forward Ryan Gargaro were especially strong on defense.

Henderson shut down the reigning NSIC Player of the Year, senior guard Matt Hammer. Hammer came into the game averaging over



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

**Winona State guard David Zellmann pulls up for a jumper. The senior leads the Warriors in scoring with 18.3 a game.**

16 points, but was held to a season-low three points on 1-of-9 shooting.

Henderson has been assigned to defend against many of the Warriors' top offensive opponents, and he showed why, repeatedly denying Hammer's drives to the basket and contesting his jump shots.

Flowers, who leads WSU in steals per game (2.4), finished with 5 steals and caused problems for every NSU

player he defended.

Gargaro had several defensive highlights, including a pair of blocks, and gave WSU a strong inside presence.

Even the Warriors fans were in top form. A near capacity crowd of 2,451 packed the stands for the critical game.

"The crowd had tremendous energy," Leaf said. "The McCown Maniacs are always helping out."

In a game full of WSU highlights, the most jaw-

dropping was a second half drive and lay-up by Malvik.

With a little under eight minutes to play in the second half, Malvik had the ball at the top of the key, Warriors leading 69-61.

The junior used a left-handed hesitation dribble and crossed to his right, freezing his defender in his steps.

Caught on his heels, the Wolves defender could only backpedal, and in doing so tripped and fell.

From the ground, the defender had a court-level perspective of Malvik double-clutching to avoid a block, and converting the lay-up.

The play sent the crowd into a frenzy, and typified the impressive play executed by the Warriors all night.

But there was little time for celebration. The Warriors hosted MSU-Moorhead the next night.

Once again, Winona State was impressive defensively, limiting MSU-Moorhead to only 19 points in the first half, and 22 in the second. In the end, the Warriors had their fourth straight victory with the 74-41 route of MSU-Moorhead.

Zellmann scored 24 points both nights, and closed to within five points of the Winona State all-time scoring record. Gus Johnson holds the record with 1,698 points scored from 1971-1975.

The senior guard may have captured the record Tuesday night in a home battle against North Central (Ill.), but this issue went to press before the game.

The win also kept the Warriors tied with Northern State atop the NSIC standings. Both teams are 5-1.

The Warriors have nine regular season games remaining, all versus NSIC opponents, before the conference tournament begins Mar. 1.

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**Warriors take  
a bite out of the  
Wolves**